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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page,

Item [75], Inventors, residence "Nagano-ken" should be -- Minamiazumi-gun --.

Item [56], **References Cited**, FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS,
"JP 1-167097" should be -- JP 11-167097 --.

Column 1,

Line 51, "equipments" should be -- equipment --.

Column 2,

Line 18, delete "a".

Column 3,

Line 35, after "away" insert -- from --.

Column 4,

Lines 23, 24-25 and 25, "equipments" should be -- equipment --.

Column 6,

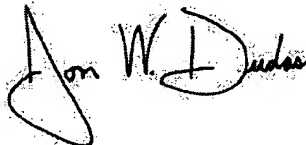
Line 57, "no" should be -- n_0 --.

Column 10,

Line 36, after "flexibility" insert -- than --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "Dudas".

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